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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the first paragraph of the specification with the following:

This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/960,282, filed October 29, 1997 (pending), which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/463,987, filed June 5, 1995 (pending), which is a division of Application Serial No. 08/317,763, filed October 4, 1994 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,609,627), which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 08/312,881, filed September 27, 1994 (pending). This application is also a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 08/312,881.